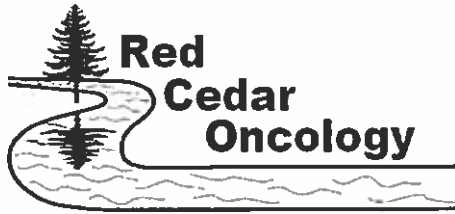


Judiciary 12.1.15
Re: HB4869



Carol R. Rapson, M.D.
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November 23, 2015

Representative Andy Schor
Michigan House of Representatives
PO Box 30014
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Dear Representative Schor:

I am a physician who is in a private practice here in Lansing, Michigan. I am the only physician in this practice along with a nurse practitioner. The focus of my practice is the care of oncology patients and we do have patients who receive chemotherapy in our office. We also see patients, both new consultations and returning patients, on a daily basis.

Earlier this year I was called for jury duty. At that time I did serve on a jury. Because of this call to jury duty, my office staff and our patients were put under significant stress. We were unable to schedule patients that week to be seen by myself, including new patients who needed to be seen. Some of our chemotherapy programs that are very complicated had to be delayed as well. While our nurse practitioner was able to maintain her own schedule, our ability to serve new patients in particular was hindered. Some of these people are very ill and do need to be taken care of promptly.

While I am always willing to do my part, this obligation did put my practice in a difficult position.

I do appreciate your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol R. Rapson", is written in light ink.

Carol R. Rapson, M.D.